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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

REF: (A) DAR ES SALAAM 1823 (B) KINSHASA 4520

1. WITHOUT PREJUDGING ZAIRIAN MOTIVATIONS OR INTENTIONS, DEPT REMAINS CONCERNED LEST GOZ HAVE ANY IDEAS OF MOUNTING MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST KIDNAPPERS WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER WELFARE OF HOSTAGES. WE REALIZE THAT EMBASSY KINSHASA HAS REPEATEDLY CAUTIONED GOZ AGAINST SUCH ACTION, AND THAT AT THIS POINT THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE THAT ZAIRIANS ARE IN FACT PLANNING TO MOVE AGAINST KIDNAPPERS. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ARE NOT ENTIRELY REASSURED BY GOZ'S APPARENT INTENSE INTEREST IN KIDNAPPERS' EXACT WHEREABOUTS, AS INDICATED BY ZAIRIAN CONGEN'S REMARKS TO DAR EMBOFF (REF A), OR BY RECOMMENDATION REPORTEDLY MADE TO MOBUTU

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THAT FAZ UNITS IN AREA "NOT BE ORDERED TO RESTRICT

ONGOING ACTIVITIES" (REF B).

2. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE THIS MATTER, EMBASSY KINHASA
SHOULD CONTINUE TO IMPRESS UPON GOZ NEED FOR RESTRAINT.
AT SAME TIME, WE TRUST EMBASSY IS MAKING FULL USE OF ITS
RESOURCES TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON ANY ACTIVITIES THAT
MIGHT INDICATE FAZ PREPARATIONS FOR THE KIND OF SECURITY
OPERATIONS WE SEEK TO AVOID. IN THIS CONNECTION, WOULD
APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF ADEQUACY OF ITS PRESENT

RESOURCES TO PROVIDE THIS TYPE INFORMATION ON TIMELY
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